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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 21, 1999

APPLICATION OF

WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS OF
VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990155

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On September 13, 1999, Williams Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("Williams" or "Applicant"), filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

By Order dated October 14, 1999, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to Williams' application.

On December 2, 1999, Staff filed its report finding that Williams' application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service, 20 VAC 5-400-180 ("Local Rules"). The Staff reported that Williams

will not initially offer switched local exchange services but rather private line, high-capacity fiber optic transmission services. Williams has agreed to meet all applicable conditions for certification identified in § C of the Local Rules.

A hearing was conducted on December 15, 1999. Williams provided proof of service and proof of publication of newspaper notice, as directed by the Commission's October 14, 1999, Order. At the hearing, the proof of service, proof of notice, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection. Applicant agreed to the recommendation of the Staff Report.

Having considered the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that Williams' application should be granted. We also find that Williams should comply with the above recommendation of Staff. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Williams Communications of Virginia, Inc. is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-473, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) Williams shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(3) At such time as Williams initiates voice services, it shall provide/comply with all requirements of § C of the Local Rules.

(4) Since there is nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers herein placed in the file for ended causes.